

Minutes from HTICC Public Awareness Meeting

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DRAFT MINUTES

September 10, 2019 HTICC Public Awareness Sub-Committee Meeting Minutes

Location: Wilmington University Wilson Graduate Center

Meeting came to order at 10:17 AM.

In attendance: Johanna Bishop, Kate Giannone, Kelly Head.

Discussion:

- Update on awareness activities during the summer:
 - On July 18, 2019 Kelly Head went to the Westside Health Family Care Clinic in Dover and talked about human trafficking and immigration remedies.
 - On August 4, 2019 Johanna Bishop attended the Police Executive Research Forum (PERF) conference in Washington, DC. The agenda focused on understanding human trafficking and initiatives and efforts being conducted to focus on and manage human trafficking cases within law enforcement
 - On August 11, 2019 Johanna Bishop presented at a breakout session she had organized for the American Sociological Association's annual meeting held in NYC. The abstract of her presentation is shown below:
BREAKOUT SESSION: Social Justice for Hidden Populations
PRESENTATION TITLE: HUMAN TRAFFICKING AWARENESS: SEEKING SOCIAL JUSTICE FOR HIDDEN POPULATIONS
Globally, human trafficking has become the second largest growing enterprise worldwide with an estimated 21 million people being trafficked annually, with sex trafficking as the most common form of exploited labor. Domestically, human trafficking, specifically sex trafficking, has grown to become to be a \$150 billion dollar business. Increasingly, victims of domestic sex trafficking are home grown. Victims of human sex trafficking are hidden populations who do not always recognize that they are victims, and the problem of sex trafficking is compounded by a society lacking awareness about recognizing trafficking. This presentation will discuss how advocacy and raising public awareness of sex trafficking can help to seek social justice for this hidden population of trafficking victims.
 - On August 17, 2019 Kate Giannone staffed a table at an event held in Georgetown, DE. She handed out information packets that included the human trafficking wheel, signs of human trafficking, who to call, types of, social media apps, myths about human trafficking, and more. Kate noticed that what is really needed is more information written in Spanish.
- Upcoming awareness activities known at this time:
 - On September 21 Kate will participate in a Summer Safety event at Milford Park & Recreation. She isn't on the Zoë schedule anymore and doesn't know if they are letting up on events.

- On September 23 Kate will be presenting to the HTICC juvenile committee.
- Commissioner Mary McDonough will be developing a human trafficking course for UD's Public Policy school.
- On September 23, 2019 the following presentation will be presented as part of the ACCEL conference being held at UD:

TITLE: Raising Awareness of Human Trafficking As A Social Determinant in Community Health: Protecting the Most Vulnerable Among Us

PRESENTERS:

Johanna P. Bishop, Ed.D., Director- Behavioral Science Program, Wilmington University
 Patricia Dailey Lewis, Esq. Executive Director, Beau Biden Foundation for the Protection of Children

Lisa Drews, Ed.D., RN, Chair- MSN Leadership Program, Wilmington University
 Ingrid Hansen, Delaware Medical Reserve Corps Unit Leader
 Angela Steele-Tilton, MSN, RN, Chair- RN to BSN Program, Wilmington University
 Loretta Young, Esq., Commissioner, Delaware Family Court

ABSTRACT:

Among the social determinants of community health is the extent to which community members, including vulnerable populations, feel safe and secure enough to seek help when they need to. Unfortunately for many, such as abused children, disenfranchised youths, fractured families, those with disabilities, and/or those for whom English is a foreign language, asking and seeking help is more difficult. They often become the prey among an increasingly large swarm of profiteers looking for their next crop of victims to use and abuse for financial gain. These human predators engaging in acts of human trafficking have created a fast growing multi-million dollar industry. They prey upon the most vulnerable among us and lure them into lives of forced prostitution or forced labor by promising to fulfill their dreams.

The challenge of raising community awareness about human trafficking has been to convince professionals and community members alike that human trafficking exists in our own communities. There is no single profile that immunizes anyone against the possibility of being trafficked. Once we become aware of this social problem, each of us has the responsibility to do something about it.

Applying sociological principles of collective memory according to Durkheim and commemoration theory (Schwartz, 1982) and social change (Weinstein, 2005), **this presentation will provide an example of inter-disciplinary applied community action and illustrate how the collaboration between inter-disciplinary community expertise and community organizations is making a change to raise awareness of human trafficking in Delaware.**

Discussion:

- Question arose about ICE and how comfortable we are in convincing people to seek help from ICE when their need for help may possibly cause them to be deported. Can we ask an ICE officer to come and speak to this group?
- DE State Libraries has a massive public awareness distribution list. How can we make use of that and connect? Johanna will follow up.
- DOE is putting together training for teachers regarding human trafficking.
- Can we assemble a compiled package of last year's meeting minutes? Johanna will follow up with Diane. Also, can we get copies of last year's HTICC meeting minutes to review?
- Johanna mentioned that for the 5th Annual Symposium she would be sending out a Call for Papers and Posters to regional academic institutions (New York to DC). The purpose is to gather academic knowledge and research projects for presentations at the next Symposium.

- November 19 the HTICC Juvenile Committee will be holding a full committee meeting.
- HTICC needs to be better about publishing the meeting dates and times. Ditto with sub-committee meetings so that we all know what each of the committees is doing and when we are meeting. Ask Diana S. about meeting minutes for HTICC dates and locations.
- Look into ability to offer trauma informed yoga to kids in YRS custody?

Next Meeting: 10 AM, Tuesday, October 22, 2019. Wilmington University Dover Campus (Rt. 13 right off Rt 1). A Building. It is the Red Brick building. Room 201. Contact info: johanna.p.bishop@wilmu.edu Text or call 302-521-2997.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:46 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Johanna Bishop